



Gregor's Family in Kosovo

McCracken Memo

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Where Are They Now?

Occasionally we feature a section that glorifies God by sharing how He is continuing to work in the lives of those who came to Him as refugees in years past. Here are a few examples...

Omid--came to the Lord as a very young orphaned refugee from Afghanistan; although struggling in many ways (emotionally and spiritually) he is currently residing in Holland and helping lead other Muslims to Jesus

Jack and Candy--came to the Lord as a refugee couple from China; currently they are operating a Christian supply ministry in mainland China. Here is an excerpt from a recent letter from Jack: "...my mom was diagnosed with three-phase cancer mainly on stomach last month...she is 78 years old ...the surgery was successful. The amazing and happy thing is that...two days before she went through the surgery, she accepted Jesus Christ as her savior!

We are busy supplying our products to Christian bookstores in China. I personally got involved with setting up very first Christian bookstore in China five years ago. Now there are at least 80 already. God is working

on this land!

Gregor--came to the Lord as a refugee from Albania; currently he and his wife Kela and 3 boys are doing church-planting among Muslims in Kosovo. Gregor is also one of the leaders of the Albanian Church Planters Mission, mobilizing the Albanian church to reach the nations with the Gospel. Here is an excerpt from a recent letter: "...We were encouraged and quite surprised by the turnout at the Christmas Evangelism Event. We were expecting about 250 - 300 people, but we had more than 500...There were no more seats. Many were standing around the room. Some had to be turned away at the door...At the end we had a time for answering questions people wrote down at their tables...more than half of them were thank-you notes instead of questions.

Dilshad--came to the Lord as a Kurdish Iraqi; God used him in our ministry in Athens to help us evangelize and disciple Kurdish refugees. Although he has had some serious struggles, he is currently living for the Lord and has led many refugees into the Family of God in Holland

Anne--a beautiful Kenyan woman who

was one of the first people to come to the Lord through this ministry in Athens about 15 years ago. A single mother of four gorgeous children (who are all walking with the Lord right now), she is passionate for Jesus and leading many others to Him. I was very moved recently when her 18 year old daughter showed up at Helping Hands, saying that she wanted to start serving with us because she was so grateful for what God has done in her life that she wants to serve Him by sharing His love with others.

Daniel Hedy--a refugee from Eritrea with whom we had a close discipleship relationship for several years in Athens; currently he and his family are living in Washington, D.C. where he is pastoring an Eritrean church.

Mohsen--a refugee from Iran who came to the Lord in Athens and attended our AIMS ministry school last year. He is currently attending Bible School at the Greek Bible Institute (a ministry of Greater Europe Mission), and leading a fellowship of Persian believers in connected with the IMB refugee ministry in Athens (Oasis).

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Teammate Update

Sahar and Arno ...after many rejections, discouragements, and unbelievable disappointments God miraculously provided for Sahar to be accepted by the Dutch government. As of this writing, she and her husband Arno are in Holland signing all the relevant

papers! Although their long-term plans are not yet fully decided, they are able to travel freely and do not need to worry about the legality of residing either in Greece or Holland. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR THEM!

Nader and Ella...at just the time Nader was required to leave Greece, the government enacted a new law that enabled

Nader AND Ella to apply for one-year residency permits. They were able to turn in all the required documentation and pay all the fees. Now they are waiting and it looks fairly certain that they should receive this permission to stay in Greece for at least another year. Praise God for this short-term solution, and please continue to pray for a more long-term solution for them!